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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION TO GOT ACTION ON INSTALLATIONS

1. THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DECISION TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS
AT COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS TOGETHER WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S
AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN DOMINATED
FRONT PAGES OF MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES SATURDAY (JULY 26) TO THE
VIRTUAL EXCLUSION OF OTHER NEWS.

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2. EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS OFTEN VIRULENT, FOCUSING MORE ON

THE HOUSE VOTE AS AN INDICATION OF U.S. FOLLY OR PERFIDY THAN ON THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S ACTION FRIDAY NIGHT.

3. HEADLINE TREATMENT AND ACCOUNTS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN ANKARA AND WASHINGTON WERE STRAIGHTFORWARD AND LARGELY COMPLETE, ALTHOUGH THE EMPHASES OF MAIN STORIES VARIED SOMEWHAT. THUS, TOP STORIES IN HURRIYET AND GUNAYDIN FOCUSED ON THE GOT'S ACTION WHILE CUMHURİYET'S LEAD REPORTED REACTION BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER TO DEVELOPMENTS IN ANKARA.

4. IN A WASHINGTON DATED STORY MILLİYET CORRESPONDENT SAMİ KOHEN REPORTED THAT THE HOUSE ACTION THURSDAY WAS PROMPTED AS MUCH BY CONFLICT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE AS BY CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER CYPRUS AND OPIUM CULTIVATION OR THE EFFORTS OF THE GREEK LOBBY. IN CONTRAST, HURRIYET CORRESPONDENT DOĞAN ULUC SAID THE VOTE WAS THE RESULT OF THE IGNORANCE OR VENALITY OF SOME CONGRESSMEN COMBINED WITH THE FAILURE OF OTHERS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE AID QUESTION AND THE CYPRUS ISSUE. A FOURTH FACTOR, SAID ULUC, WAS INFLUENCE OF ETHNIC PRESSURE GROUPS, WHICH ARE VERY STRONG IN THE UNITED STATES. ULUC SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE GROUPS HAD LEAD JP SENATOR KAMRAN INAN, WHO HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON PRESENTING THE TURKISH CASE, TO ASSERT THAT THE EFFORTS OF GREEKS AND GREEK-AMERICANS HAD PROVEN TO HIM THAT THERE CAN BE NO FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE AND THAT TURKEY MUST LOOK FOR OTHER DEFENSE ALTERNATIVES BECAUSE SHE CANNOT DEPEND ON AMERICA. ULUC'S STORY BORE THE HEADLINE: "YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP ENDED IN 15 MINUTES."

5. HURRIYET ALSO CARRIED A TOP FRONT PAGE STORY LISTING 10 ITEMS WHICH IT SAID WOULD BE AMONG THE EFFECTS OF THE GOT'S ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY. BECAUSE THE 1969 DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND ATTENDANT UNDERSTANDINGS WERE NO LONGER CONSIDERED VALID, HURRIYET SAID:

-- AMERICANS WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO IMPORT ANYTHING DUTY FREE.

-- GOODS BROUGHT IN FOR SALE AT MILITARY POST EXCHANGES WOULD BE ASSESSED CUSTOMS DUTY.
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-- AMERICANS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TURKISH CUSTOMS LAW CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION OF NORMALLY PROHIBITED GOODS AND COMPLETELY SUBJECT TO THE CUSTOMS REGIME NORMALLY APPLIED TO FOREIGNERS.

11 AMERICAN POSTAL FACILITIES WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND LETTERS WOULD BE OBLIGED TO PASS THROUGH THE TURKISH

POST OFFICE.

11 AMERICANS IN TURKEY WOULD NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO
CARRY WEAPONS IN TURKEY, EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES.

-- EXCEPT AS SUBJECT TO THE PROPER TURKISH AUTHORITIES,
AMERICANS WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM USING OR CARRYING WIRELESS
TRANSMITTERS.

-- AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO DUTY IN TURKEY WOULD BE OBLIGED
TO OBTAIN ENTRY AND EXIT VISAS.

-- AMERICANS ACCUSED OF CRIMES IN TURKEY WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO JUDGMENT BY TURKISH COURTS, WHATEVER THEIR DUTY STATUS.

-- TURKISH PERMISSION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR FLIGHTS OF
AMERICAN AIRCRAFT IN AND OUT OF INCIRLIK ON NATO BUSINESS.

-- THE OPERATIONS OF RADIO STATIONS REPORTED TO BE BROADCASTING
TO COUNTRIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN WOULD BE TERMINATED.

6. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI IPEKCI, WHOSE
COMMENTARIES ARE ORDINARILY BALANCED IN TONE, REACTED FIERCELY
TO THE HOUSE VOTE:

..."IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR US NOT TO REACT EMOTIONALLY
IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. CERTAINLY A DECEIVED NATION WILL BE
FURIOUS WHEN IT REALIZES IT HAS BEEN DECEIVED. BUT WE MUST
CONSIDER THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN NOT WITH THE INTENTION OF
SATISFYING OUR FEELINGS, BUT IN ORDER TO FULFILL IN A NATIONAL
WAY THE REQUIREMENTS OF OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS."

7. IPEKCI SAID IT IS CLEAR THAT IN THE SHORT RUN, INSTALLATIONS
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WHICH SERVE ONLY THE U.S. INTEREST SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN
IMMEDIATELY WHILE THOSE WHICH "REALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE JOINT
DEFENSE SYSTEM SHOULD BE PUT UNDER TURKISH COMMAND AND CONTROL."
THESE MEASURES, HE SAID, WOULD NOT HINDER A JOINT DEFENSE
ARRANGEMENT, "BUT THEY WILL CANCEL THE PRIVILEGES GRANTED TO
THE AMERICANS UNJUSTLY AND FOR NOTHING."

8. IPEKCI THEN NOTED THAT PROPERTY BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY
TURKEY HAS NOT BEEN DELIVERED AND IS BEING WITHHELD. "UNDER
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, A TURKISH REPRISAL IS A JUST AND
NECESSARY ACTION. TURKEY MUST CONSIDER CONFISCATING AMERICAN
PROPERTY ON AMERICAN BASES, OR MUST TAKE ACTION TO GAIN
COMPENSATION THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS. FURTHERMORE, A BILL MUST
BE PRESENTED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR PAST SERVICES PROVIDED TO
THE AMERICANS BY TURKEY"...

9. IN OTHER COMMENT, HURRIYET, IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL, TITLED: "FOR TURKEY THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SUCH THING AS AMERICA", ASSERTED THAT THE BRIDGES BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN BLOWN. "WHATEVER MAY BE SAID, THERE ARE MANY THINGS FOR TURKEY, BUT FROM NOW ON, THERE IS NO AMERICA. AND THE AMERICAN NATION SHOULD ASK FOR AN ACCOUNTING OF THIS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. TRAITOR AMERICA HAS TAKEN THE PLACE OF FRIEND AMERICA AS OF YESTERDAY."

10. CONSERVATIVE TERCUMAN SAID THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR TURKEY TO BEGIN PLANNING A NEW FOREIGN POLICY:... "WE MUST ADMIT THAT AMERICA IS NO LONGER A DEPENDABLE ALLY FOR US AND THAT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE RECEIVED A HEAVY BLOW WITH THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT THESE RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SHAKEN TO THEIR VERY FOUNDATIONS."

11. IN A COLUMN IN TERCUMAN, RAUF TAMER HEAPED RIDICULE ON THE UNITED STATES AS A COUNTRY "WHICH ARRIVES AT DECISIONS UNDER GREEK PRESSURE...(WHICH) IS THE SLAVE OF A GREEK MINORITY". TAMER URGED THAT THE GOVERNMENT INCITE THE TURKISH PEOPLE TO ACTION: "IN TIMES LIKE THIS, THE TENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE IS THE DETERMINING FACTOR IN FOREIGN POLICY. THE ATTITUDE TO BE ASSUMED BY US SHOULD BE IN HARMONY WITH THE EXCITEMENT AND UPROAR OF AN ORIENTAL YOUTH, LACKING DIPLOMACY. FOR, IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THE SPIRIT OF
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THE MAN ON THE STREET."

12. REACTION ELSEWHERE IN THE CONSERVATIVE PRESS WAS SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE IN TONE. THUS, PRO-DEMIREL SON HAVADIS SAID THAT THE VOTE THURSDAY HAD PUT THE HOUSE SQUARELY ON THE SIDE OF MAKARIOS AND CARAMANLIS. "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PERSISTING IN THE EMBARGO DECISION WILL RENDER GREAT HARM TO TURKISH AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THE DECISION CONCERNS WORLD PEACE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN FLANK OF NATO. WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, THE PEACE LOVERS, WILL SEE THE FAULTINESS OF THIS DECISION AND THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF TURKEY. ADALET, IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL SAID THAT THE VOTE THURSDAY CAME AS NO SURPRISE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE WATCHED EVENTS CLOSELY, FOR, "...AMERICA HAS GRADUALLY LOST HER CHARACTER AS A DEPENDABLE COUNTRY, LOYAL TO HER OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS PRODUCED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW ARE NO LONGER IMPORTANT FOR THE UNITED STATES."

13. IN OTHER COMMENTARY, NADIR NADI, EDITOR OF THE LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET, FOUND THE HOUSE ACTION "A BLESSING". HE SAID THAT NOW EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE BLINDLY FOLLOWED A PRO-AMERICAN POLICY WILL SEE THE NECESSITY FOR INDEPENDENCE. BUT NADI

WARNED THAT THE GREEKS, EXULTING IN THEIR VICTORY, MAY
PURSUE A FOOLISH COURSE AND THAT TURKEY MUST BE PREPARED FOR
ALL EVENTUALITIES.
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